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SUBJECT: LDC REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION

REF: STATE 146461

1. PERMDEL REGRETS DELAY IN SECURING INFORMATION
REQUESTED REFTEL BUT REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA, KENYA,
SENEGAL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL RECENTLY FOR RESPONSE TO
DEPARTMENT'S QUERY.

2. INDIAN AND SENEGALESE PERMDELS ADVISED IN BOTH CASES
THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT ADVANCE
NOTICE FROM UNESCO IOC SECRETARIAT TO ATTEND.
SENEGALESE (DIOP) APPARENTLY INTENDED TO GO TO OTTAWA
BUT DEATH IN FAMILY REQUIRED HIS IMMEDIATE RETURN HOME.
BOTH INDIAN AND SENEGALESE PERMDELS EMPHASIZED THAT
THEIR GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
PARTICIPATION IN IOC. OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO PROBLEM OF
TRANSPORTATION COSTS ELICITED APPARENTLY SINCERE
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REACTION THAT THIS NOT AN OBSTACLE NOR WAS IOC EXPECTED

TO PAY.

3. KENYAN PERMREP UNAWARE AS TO REASONS THEIR NON-ATTENDANCE BUT PROMISED TO CHECK INTO MATTER AND ADVISE DELOFF. PERMDEL WILL ADVISE.

4. COMMENT: PERMDEL AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT LDC'S SHOULD FULFILL OBLIGATIONS THEY INSISTENT UPON INCURRING. HOWEVER' LIMITED NUMBER OF EXPERTS AVAILABLE IN LDC'S FOR SUCH TECHNICAL BODIES. DEMANDS IN HOME COUNTRIES ON THEIR TIME AND COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS INTRINSIC TO LDC'S, AS WELL AS UNESCO, REQUIRE MAXIMUM UNDERSTANDING.

5. FINALLY, AS LDC EXPERTS NOT BASED IN PARIS, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER GOING DIRECTLY TO LDC'S CONCERNED THROUGH EMBASSIES IN ORDER EXPEDITE RESPONSES TO SUCH QUERIES IN FUTURE.
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